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"A MERRY WAR."

The discussion as to whether or not Senator Brandegee should continue his endeavors to exterminate the supporters of Mr. Hill in the recent Senatorial contest, is still in progress. It having been suggested by the Ansonia Sentinel that the deliberate beheading of enemies is not illegitimate, the Hartford Courant commented thereupon by saying, "no olive branch dipped in molasses about this," to which the Sentinel rejoined that

"The Courant" must remember that it sanctioned the beheading process in the case of Mr. Brandegee, and it should not object now to his using the same methods which it operated, unsuccessfully, in both its news and editorial columns. A few weeks ago, its program was "anything to behead Brandegee," but to-day it looks upon the political guillotine as gruesome. It is rather late in suggesting molasses.

Now, the Waterbury Republican which supported Brandegee, tells him that "We ought to cut out retaliation, cut out beheading his enemies, cease to play politics, and remembering only that he has been legally elected a United States senator from Connecticut for the coming six years, go on endeavoring to attain to the measure of what a senator should be. In beheading enemies he may lose also friends. Six years isn't so far away and voters have long memories."

To which advice, the Norwich Bulletin responds, in the Senator's behalf. Senator Brandegee will appreciate the kindly solicitude the "Republican" is manifesting for his future, and will not fail to note this evangel of peace which is being sent him in the sweetest of words. It is often the case that the most pacific advisers make the most fractious antagonists—it is so much easier to see what the senator should do than what we should do ourselves. Senator Brandegee is doing nothing unprecedented—nothing unexpected by his foes. As the world goes he is acting humanely and the "Bulletin" has no reason why he should be advised or be afraid.

The Bulletin standing, as it were, in the relation of "in loco parentis" to the Senator, its statement may be construed as a justification of his war upon the Hill men, as a defiance of retaliation six years hence, and as an assertion that the war will continue to the bitter end.

The most recent outcropping of the war was the interference of the Senator in the Bridgeport City Court contest, which is not, however, to be carried to the point of a personal appearance before the Judiciary committee. His position cannot, despite non-appearance personally, be misunderstood; it is, in effect, a warning to the committee against favoring the candidacy of the "young" element who are charged—in part, mistakenly—as Hill men.

It is a "merry war," but with possible afterglows.

Where is that general prosperity, that summary revival of industries, which was to follow closely the election of Mr. Taft? How about the stillness of but partly open mills and factories, the employees of which were induced to vote for Mr. Taft by promises that the doors would be opened wide in the event of his election? Have all these promises gone into the limbo of the previous similar promises of Republican campaigns?

In connection with the report that Sheriff Hawley consulted with Ex-Lt. Gov. Lake as to the former's Norwalk appointments, it is suggested that the two, Hawley and Lake "are plotting together relative to coming shoveling and gubernatorial campaigns?" The suggestion may be well-founded. It is an established fact that Sheriff Hawley is somewhat prone to the practice of pledging himself and, incidentally, the Republican vote of Fairfield county, in advance of primaries and conventions.

Tax Commissioner Corbin has advised Mayor Hooker of Hartford to have the city's assessment raised to full valuation, as the one and only method of augmenting its revenue to a much needed amount without increasing the tax rate. There being a law which requires full-value assessments, the Mayor's query and Mr. Corbin's answer seem alike unnecessary. If, however, the General Assembly decides to reimpose the state tax upon towns, the dodging of full-value assessments is likely rather to increase than diminish.

Recently, a former Prohibition Presidential candidate withdrew from that party, declaring its mission ended now that it had raised prohibition to the dignity of a national issue. Mr. Chafin, the party's latest Presidential candidate, dissents from that declaration by a predecessor. In a speech on Monday he asserted that "the question of prohibition will never be settled until one party which stands for that alone, rises to power." This is, in effect, a declaration of perpetuity for the Prohibition party, for no party can ever win nationally on that issue alone.

The Republican bosses in the Senate do not intend that any of the new Senators, most of whom favor tariff revision downward, shall have a hand in the committee consideration of the tariff bill to be reported by the House committee on Ways and Means at the extra session of Congress, called for March 15th. They have, therefore, voted to continue the present committee during the extra session, which bars out the new members until the regular session in December. This dextrous bit of trickery, which perpetrates a gross injustice upon the newly-chosen Senators, leaves the matter of tariff revision, primarily so far as the Senate is concerned, in the hands of the stand pat committee on Finance with Aldrich at its head.

For many years, the status of journalism—whether or not it should be classed as a profession—has been a disputed question, but journalists have not generally participated in the discussion, being content with the shadow. Mr. Pulitzer of the N. Y. World, may, however, be classed as an exception, having given \$1,000,000 to Columbia college for the institution of a "School of Journalism."

President-elect Taft has now settled the moot question. In his address at Philadelphia, Monday, he designated five professions, religion, pedagogy, medicine, law and journalism, but he qualified the last named by classing the "purveying and sale of news" as a business, while conceding that writing on "the highest plane" is a profession. Whether or not newspaper writing is on "the highest plane" becomes the question for consideration, now that so high an authority has included a qualified journalism among the professions. The newspapers will probably listen with complete equanimity to the debate, being fully content, as above said, with the substance and not aspiring to the shadow.

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FAIRFIELD

Home from Town—Boxing Bouts—Banquet to Banks and Pease—Spring Plowing—Old Maids—Books from O. G. Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Glover came up from New York on Tuesday for a brief visit, and returned again yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Wright, who have been spending the holidays at their country place, returned to town Monday evening.

Several boxing bouts are advertised to be pulled off at Perry's hall early in March. It is understood that one of them will be a contest between local talent.

A large crowd of people attended the ball given on Tuesday evening by the Truckmen's Association. Dancing continued until an early hour, and the refreshments were provided by the Home Made Bakery.

The statement is made that the proposed banquet in compliment to Judge Elmore S. Banks and Commissioner Pease, took place according to the invitation issued a week ago, at Lehmans' shore house at the foot of Seaview avenue. All present are said to have made speeches, and these included both of the guests of honor and the following gentlemen: Mr. H. C. Hitchcock as toastmaster, Town Clerk Flint, Postmaster Pickett, Attorney Citrus King, Attorney James Cummings, Sheriff E. W. Grove, Justice McAlpin, Supt. William Wheatley, Vestryman C. W. Wyrzen, A. P. Acker, and Nelson Sherwood.

As late as 8 o'clock p. m., Mr. John McAlpin, on Tuesday night, was attending to a patient who lives near Southport.

City water has at last been turned on at the east bound depot. It has long been needed.

It is quite true that much spring plowing has been done by the farmers in "these parts," but the furrows were turned last fall. The ground has really been too wet to plow since the frosts began to melt.

Owing to the very damp downpour last night there was not as large an audience at the Pequot Library to hear Miss Watson, who spoke on "The knowledge of wild animals at the New York zoological garden, as there might have been. Many times it has been denied in some of the papers that nobody proposed to re-enact the Old Maid's Convention, but now it appears that it is in full bloom once more, and the scholars are so busy for a r. rehearsal is to take place to-morrow evening at the home of Mrs. Lounsbury. This looks as if another public performance is contemplated sometime during Lent.

Mr. F. E. Lane and son have gone to the motor boat show in New York. Recent guests in town include Miss Gilsen of Georgetown, Miss Nellie Bradley of Derby, Mr. James Francis of Brooklyn, and quite a number of people from Bridgeport.

Foods and Nutritive Value, Snyder; Food and Principles of Dietetics, Hutchinson; Essentials of Child Study, Kirkpatrick; Educational Process, Class Management; Genetic Psychology, Judd; Turkey and the Balkans, Singleton; Life of Whistler, Sickler; Making of Canada, Bradley; Government of England, Lovell; Lincoln Tribute Book and Story of the Street.

SCHOOL CHILDREN OF THE STATE

About 240,000 of Them Counted in October.

The enumeration of the school children of the state as reported to the state board of education shows a total of 237,701 for last October, an increase of less than 4,000, as against an increase of about 6,500 a year earlier. The following tables show the enumeration for each town of Western Connecticut in 1907 and 1908 with the increase or decrease and the summaries by counties—

Towns	Enrolled, Oct. 1907	Enrolled, Oct. 1908	Grains	Losses
Bridgeport	20,667	20,734	67	..
Danbury	4,939	4,942	3	..
Bethel	774	775	1	..
Brookfield	193	206	12	..
Darien	559	569	10	..
Easton	210	208
Fairfield	1,276	1,220	..	56
Greenwich	3,577	3,730	153	..
Huntington	1,457	1,464	7	..
Monroe	179	210	31	..
New Canaan	682	681	19	..
New Fairfield	80	102	22	..
Newtown	570	587	17	..
Norwalk	5,160	5,196	36	..
Redding	216	207	..	9
Ridgefield	542	547	5	..
Sherman	111	106	..	5
Stamford	5,820	5,844	24	..
Stratford	1,214	1,264	50	..
Trumbull	304	338	34	..
Weston	167	167
Westport	38	37	..	1
Wilton	403	414	11	..

23 towns	49,748	50,448	700	75
Litchfield	552	587	35	..
Barkhamsted	132	180	48	..
Bethlehem	110	121	11	..
Bridgewater	134	133	..	1
Canaan	122	131	9	..
Colbrook	130	130
Cornwall	232	248	16	..
Goshen	146	152	6	..
Harwinton	328	333	5	..
Kent	280	243	..	37
Morris	114	112	..	2
New Hartford	514	542	28	..
New Milford	1,137	1,135	..	2
Norfolk	359	355	..	4
North Canaan	421	404	..	17
Plymouth	898	953	55	..
Roxbury	195	191	..	3
Sellsbury	761	757	..	3
Sharon	371	379	8	..
Thomaston	670	682	12	..
Torrington	3,601	3,776	175	..
Warren	94	93	..	1
Washington	353	354	1	..
Watertown	737	755	18	..
Winchester	1,733	1,731	..	12
Woodbury	382	387	5	..

28 towns 14,735 15,045 423 113
Gain in state, 1908, 3,555.
Gain in state, 1907, 6,570.
Ratio of whole population to school population, 1908 4.59
Estimated population of state in October, 1908, 1,083,916.

INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM CURED IN 3 DAYS.

Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had inflammatory rheumatism in every muscle and joint; her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen almost beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians, but received no benefit until she tried Dr. Deton's Relief for Rheumatism. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by Curtis Pharmacy, 1149 Main St. cor. Elm.

NEWEST NOTES OF SCIENCE

The average cost of locomotives is \$2 cents per pound.
Probably the oldest derricks in the world that still are in use are at Trier, Germany, erected in 1412, and one at Andernach, Germany, built in 1554. The loads are chain-lifted by train wheels, 16 feet in diameter.

With no companions but Eskimos and dogs, Albert Harrison, the explorer, expects a next year to travel by sledge from the delta of the Mackenzie river in North America, over the unexplored polar regions, to Spitzbergen.

One of the chief arguments advanced in support of a project for a floating sanitarium for consumptives in England, is that the patients' minds would be diverted by the changing scenes as the vessel passed from place to place.

A simple test for the purity of wine is to dip a thread into it, then vinegar. If the vinegar turn pink, an artificial coloring matter has been used. Cream of tartar will precipitate in granules in wine fortified with alcohol.

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